

by Bro. P. J. Brown have the honor to report the following as the result of our deliberations:

WHEREAS, The Brethren Church in the State of Ohio, can by more concentrated effort and harmonious work do more good in the future than she has in the past. Therefore be it

Resolved, That this S. S. Convention shall in the future be called the Annual Convention of the Brethren of the State of Ohio.

Section 1st. The business of this Annual Convention shall be to consider S. S. work, Mission work, and general church work not relating to the private rights of individual members of churches.

Section 2nd. Any member or church may send any question or questions to receive the respectful attention of the Convention.

Section 3rd. (a) The chairman of the present convention shall appoint an executive committee of three whose business shall be to confer with the different churches in view of securing a full representation at this Annual Convention.

(b) This committee shall select a board of officers for the government of this convention in accordance with the rules of the National Convention of Ashland, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1887.

(c) This committee shall cease to exist upon the organization of the Annual Convention.

Section 4th. The representation of the church, to Annual Conventions shall be regulated by the decision of the National Convention of Ashland, Sept. 21, 1887.

Section 5th. Any member of the Brethren Church in good standing, lay or ministerial, male or female, shall be eligible as a delegate to this Convention.

Signed, ISAAC KILHEFNER, Chairman.  
V. E. WAMPLER, Secretary.  
P. J. BROWN.

On motion of Bro. Deffenbaugh the report was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman appointed the following executive committee in accordance with the report.

ISAAC KILHEFNER.  
V. E. WAMPLER.  
B. F. SWINEHART.

It was moved and carried that the vacancy on the Ohio Home Mission board be now filled. On motion Bro. C. A. Coler was re-elected.

The regular programme was now taken up. First subject, "S. S. work non-sectarian." Discussed by Bro. Tombaugh. He said:

That he favored non-sectarian S. S. works, for a S. S., which is strictly non-sectarian must teach the Bible, nothing more or less. The work of the S. S. is to teach, or should be, the broad principles of orthodox Christianity. First of all lay the foundation of devout reverence to God. Does not believe that the peculiar and distinctive doctrines of any church should be taught in any S. S. Sectarian S. S. tend to make sectarians rather than Christians.

Sectarian schools are unfavorable to the free exercise of our judgment, have a tendency to exalt mere formality by particularly emphasizing peculiar forms; also defeat union in work.

At this juncture the convention lost the presence of Bro. Garber, who went on mission work to Meigs Co., whence had come urging calls for preaching.

Rev. Alderson of the Presbyterian church followed Bro. Tombaugh. Expressed his pleasure in meeting with the Brethren in the convention. He said he would take the opposite view to that of Bro. Tombaugh. That there are many sects, yet they all labor to build up the cause of one common Master. Every one who loves Christ is under obligations to feed the lambs—the children. And thinks it is the duty of each church to teach its distinctive doctrines. For if they are good for the older ones they certainly are good for the children.

There are some places where only non-sectarian S. S. work can be done, but wherever possible the denominations should carry on the school. Sectarian S. S. can be carried on without teaching prejudice against other denominations. Let us leave out the bigotry and prejudice and teach Bible, if we love our church; we will soon be gone and our children must take our place; then we ought to teach the tenets of our church so that it may be perpetuated.

General discussion. Bro. Wampler took the floor. Said he heartily agreed with Bro. Alderson's remarks. Thinks that each denomination should teach its own peculiar distinctive doctrines. Rev. Jones, of the Presbyterian church, thought that if he was called to teach he would teach what he honestly believed to be the truth as revealed by the Bible. He believed that every church should be loyal to its distinctive teachings.

Music.

Next topic:—"Privileges and powers of a S. S. teacher," presented by Bro. Isaac Ross. Bro. Ross defined the qualifications of S. S. teachers, said that their power lay greatly in their qualifications, so as to be able to demonstrate, illustrate and explain the gospel that they might be able to enlighten, elevate and refine the S. S. scholar's principles intellectually and morally. It is their privilege and duty to feed the lambs from the great storehouse of God, to lead them to the fountain of eternal life that they may drink of its pure crystal waters and live forever.

Bro. Mason, who, on account of sickness could not attend sooner, having arrived, the convention being anxious to hear from him, spoke a few minutes. He said one of the greatest privileges of a S. S. teacher is to teach the free, undefiled gospel of Christ, and the sole power of a teacher lay in the words "Go and teach" this free gospel.

Dr. Brumbaugh having arrived, was called and endorsed Bro. Mason's remarks.

The convention now adjourned for a noon recess with the benediction.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention opened with devotional exercises conducted by Bro. Mason.

First topic on the programme:—"The S. S., its objects and methods." Opened by Bro. Isaac Kilhefner. Bro. K. said the primary object of a S. S. is to be as a nursery to the church. 2nd. The S. S. is a bond of union with God and one another. 3d. The S. S. teaches us the principles of Christianity and holiness, or in other words, it builds character.

Next came the general discussion.

Bro. Wampler gave his method of conducting a S. S.

Bro. Mason spoke of the methods employed in teaching. Should pattern after the great teacher of the world.

Bro. Shoe spoke of the different methods of conducting a S. S. employed in different communities. He spoke from experience and knew methods could not be made universal.

Bro. Rench now took the floor, urging the necessity of a well defined method.

Sister Sterling gave the methods employed in their S. S. and said that without a well defined system, success could not be attained. System is an absolute necessity in any work in order to meet with certain success.

Bro. Moomaw thought we could get too much method. Said if a plan to interest pupils is reached, success is attained.

Bro. Brown spoke of the objects of a S. S. Thinks that all hinges upon the object in view. Bro. Brown said that the primary object of the S. S. was to let God's sunshine into the church to bring life, vim and light into all.

Music.

Next on programme:—"Everybody's experience. Five minute talks by S. S. workers." Participated in by Sister Sterling and brethren Bookwalter, Kilhefner, Wampler, Ewing, Tombaugh and Dr. Brumbaugh.

Music.

Discussion of queries.

Convention adjourned until the evening session after singing and the benediction.

#### EVENING SESSION—SATURDAY.

Opened with devotional exercises conducted by Bro. Kilhefner.

Sister Sterling was called to explain the object of the S. S. C. E.

Bro. Mason now presented the next topic:—"How to make a live S. S." Bro. M. said: "In order to have a live S. S. we must make it an attractive place. This can be partly done by decorating. Then have good music to enthuse and enliven the attendants. Have good, lively, 'good-looking' teachers. Then do not be penurious, but give the scholars a treat sometimes. And by all means have a blackboard and then use it."

Next came the general discussion.

Bro. Ross opened the discussion by urging the necessity of having a live school in order to meet with success.

Bro. Rench said one requisite was for S. S. workers to be just as lively, sociable and good-looking during the week as on the Sunday.

Bro. Wampler here made a remark that is worthy of treasuring in our minds and carrying it out. It was, "Teach seven days in a week and not one."

Dr. Brumbaugh urged the necessity of having well qualified teachers and superintendents. Teachers' meetings are necessary in order to have a lively school. Must have something new every Sunday, and teachers must get together to contrive this "something new."

Bro. Kiehl said: Two things are absolutely necessary to success. I never knew them to come short of triumphant victory. They are perseverance and the grace of God.

The regular routine of business was now broken by a recitation with which Miss Orpah Henkle favored the convention. The selection entitled "Jamie Douglas" was a splendid one, and Miss Henkle delivered it in an excellent manner.

Next in order came requests for the convention for next year.

Bro. Tombaugh invited the convention to meet with the Brethren at Farmersville.

Bro. Rench extended the courtesies of the Brethren at Pleasant Hill by inviting the convention there next year.

On motion the convention was voted to the Farmersville church. However, in the next session, a motion to reconsider the action of the convention in regard to the location of next convention was carried. And on motion of Bro. Tombaugh the convention unanimously voted to accept the invitation from Pleasant Hill.

The chairman then declared Pleasant Hill as the place where the next convention will meet.

The next topic, "Mission work in the S. S." was dispensed with since neither of the brethren to whom it was assigned were present.

Music. A duet by brethren Brown and Mason.

The report of the committee on resolutions was called. The committee submitted the following report:

WHEREAS: Sunday Schools are a God-ordained institution for the promotion of religious instruction, and S. S. conventions are a grand auxiliary to this end. Therefore be it

Resolved, first, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the good people of this church and community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this convention.

Second, That a vote of thanks be tendered to Bro. Brown for his fair and impartial rulings and his excellent management during this convention.

Third, Resolved, that a vote of thanks be tendered the good ladies for the beautiful decoration of the church and to the singers and musicians for the excellent music furnished, and to all that have given substantial aid by their presence and help.

Fourth, Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to Bro. V. E. Wampler and the R. R. companies for favors granted in reduced rates.

Fifth, Resolved, That we recommend the hearty co-operation of the churches with the S. S. C. E. and the Ohio Home Mission Board.

WHEREAS, Intemperance is a great evil, and as we are taught in God's Word to shun every evil, Therefore be it

Resolved, That the church and Sunday School impress upon the minds of all, and especially the young and rising generation, the terrible results arising from this evil.

Signed by the Committee.

ISAAC KILHEFNER.  
SAMUEL KIEHL.  
DANIEL HENRICKS.

On motion the resolutions were adopted as a whole.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Sister Sterling for the interest she has taken in the convention and especially in the S. S. C. E. work.

A discussion of queries presented now followed.

After singing and the benediction, adjourned to meet Sunday morning.

#### SUNDAY MORNING.

Bro. Edward Mason preached an excellent sermon to a very large crowd. (The convention being augmented by an excursion from Dayton the crowd was very large).

His theme was "Missionary Work." After the sermon Bro. Brown made a plea for help in behalf of the Zimmerman congregation and secured the sum of \$43.50 towards the erection of a church.

A noon recess was now taken until 2:30 P. M.

First came unfinished business.

Report of Executive Committee was called.

The following is the report:

To the Ohio S. S. Convention:—The Executive Committee has decided to report the following officers to govern the next annual convention:

Chairman,	Bro. J. M. Tombaugh.
Vice Chairman,	" Josiah Keim.
" "	" Isaac Ross.
" "	" J. A. Biteman.
Secretary,	Dr. Brumbaugh.
Sergeant at Arms,	Bro. P. J. Brown.
Signed by the committee,	

ISAAC KILHEFNER, Chairman.  
V. E. WAMPLER, Sec.

The report was adopted as read.

The Chairman appointed the following committee to secure R. R. rates for the next annual convention: Brethren V. E. Wampler and R. E. C. Rench.

Dr. Brumbaugh presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That this convention request the Chairman—Bro. P. J. Brown—to publish an address to the Brethren churches explanatory of the object and design of the action consolidating the S. S. work, the mission work and general church work, and urge them to send delegates to the next convention.

Resolution carried.

Bro. Wampler presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That this convention tenders its hearty thanks to Bro. Tombaugh for his earnest and efficient appeal to make this convention a success. Unanimously carried.

The convention was now favored by an essay entitled "Fly on your own wings," by Miss Ruth Henkle. The essay abounded in truths and showed no little talent in its general make-up.

Now followed Dr. Brumbaugh's talk to the children, which, to say the least, was highly entertaining and appreciated by all, old and young.

After singing, the convention adjourned with the benediction, to meet in the evening at 7:30.

Bro. P. J. Brown preached a sermon in the evening, which was the conclusion of the Brethren's S. S. convention of Ohio for 1888. May God's blessing rest upon all that was said and done for the good of the S. S. cause, and may all who participated have gained some lasting benefit.

P. J. BROWN, Chairman.

JOHN A. MILLER, Sec.

#### A Few Seemingly Unnoticed Errors.

There are many people who live to a good old age, who have never made many observations; they merely drift along with the tide through life, without deriving any benefit from changing circumstances or incidents of every day life. If we ask them a question the answer will likely be "I don't know," which is poor satisfaction to an inquiring mind.

There is one class of people who live to eat, and another who eat to live. One class of teachers who teach to live, another who live to teach; and one class of preachers who live to preach, but another who preach to live. To which do you belong?

When any person dies, there seems to be a tendency, in order to substantiate the good character of the man, to say: he was loved and respected by all who knew him. Jesus says: "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. St. John 15: 19.

How often have we noticed that those who had been teachers for a long time,—could present the word with much power,—seemed to be in need of being reminded of one of the very first principles underlying the Christian religion, viz., "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." God requires preachers to be just as faithful as other people to the teachings of his dear Son. "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, ever those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Heb. 5: 12, 14.

"For good and well must in men's actions meet;

Wicked is not much worse than indiscreet."—Donne.

If you allow an absent friend to be misrepresented in your presence without offering any remonstrance do not consider yourself a true friend.

A pretty human face accompanied by a well proportioned body is the most pleasing of all God's created objects. But let people who admire beauty over much either in themselves or others, remember that the body, beautiful though it may be, is only the house given to us by God for our spirits to dwell in during this short life; at the termination of which, the most beautiful will have to be deserted as well as the most homely and deformed. When God favors a person with an unusual amount of beauty or intelligence, that person has also correspondingly great responsibilities to answer for. The fascinations of beauty as well as the powers of intelligence should be used for good, and not for evil. Then why should handsome people strut around and display their vanity until all their influence for good has been destroyed, when that of which they are so proud is really only lent to them for a short season?

To whom much is given, of him much will be required.

MRS. L. SLOTTER.

When all is reckoned, the lowliest mind is truly the highest; and these two agree so well, that the more lowly it is, it is thus the higher; and the higher thus it is still the more lowly.—Leighton.